

Sergeant Major William L. Gardner II
19th Battelfield Coordination Detachment



Sergeant Major William L. Gardner II, originally from Cocoa Beach, Florida, entered the United States Army in October of 1983 and attended basic and advanced individual training at Ft. Sill Oklahoma where he earned the MOS 82C (Field Artillery Surveyor). His first assignment was in Garlstedt Germany with the 2nd Armored Division (FWD). After his initial service term was complete, he departed from Active Service to complete his degree with Georgetown College, Kentucky

SGM Gardner returned to active service in 1988 and earned a secondary MOS of 13F (Fire Support Specialist). His assignments have included 3-18th FA Ft. Sill OK., 1-15th FA, Camp Casey Korea, 2-319th AFAR 82nd ABN, Ft. Bragg North Carolina, 1-27th FA, Babenhausen, Germany and 4-320th FAR 4th BCT, 101st ABN (AASLT), Ft. Campbell, KY, 158th INF BDE, Camp Shelby Mississippi and Task Force Sinai, Egypt. His special assignments have included Jacksonville Recruiting BN with duty at Daytona Beach, FL., Senior ROTC instructor at the University of South Dakota, Senior Fire Support OC at JMRC in Hohenfels, Germany and the BN CSM for the initial establishment of the European Warrior Transition Battalion at Heidelberg, Germany. SGM Gardner also served as the CSM for the Guns of Glory Battalion, 4-320th FAR, Ft. Campbell, KY, and more recently, the Brigade CSM for 158th INF BDE at Camp Shelby, Miss. and the Task Force CSM for TF Sinai Egypt. His most recent assignment was with I CORPS (JBLM,WA) as the I CORPS Fires SGM.

SGM Gardner has deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan (RC East, Paktika) in support of The Global War On Terror. He has deployed twice to the Balkans (Kosovo and Albania) in support of NATO operations and deployed to Sinai Egypt for TF Sinai. He has also deployed in support of humanitarian relief efforts.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 OLC), the Bronze star medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (9 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (10th Award), the Meritorious Unit Citation (2 OLC), Valorous Unit Citation, the Superior Unit Award (2 OLC), the Overseas Service Medal (numeral 8) and proudly wears the US Army Basic Parachutist Badge, the US Army Gold Recruiter Badge (with 3 sapphires) the Combat Action Badge and various other awards and decorations. SGM Gardner is a graduate of the Basic Airborne Course, the Airborne Replacement Course, the Air Movements and Operations course, the Master Fitness instructor course, the Anti-Terrorist Force Protection (LVL 2) course, the Anti-Terrorist Evasive Driving Course, the Army Combatives Course, the Battle Staff and NBC NCO courses, and every U.S. Army NCOES course culminating as a graduate of US Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 057. He is a proud member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club and has been accepted as a Distinguished Member of the 506th Infantry Regiment. He is also a wearer of the Saint Barbara medal, the Columbian Army Faithful Service medal and the German Shutzenschnur Efficiency Badge. SGM Gardner is a Master Scuba diver.

SGM Gardner is married with two children.